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1. In the spring of 1951, a Hungarian infantry unit of soldiers wearing green service color was stationed in the barracks installation on the west side of Peterfia Street, in the northern sector of Debrecen (R 48/K 40). Units in company strength without heavy weapons were often seen leaving the installation for training in the woods near the stadium. frequently observed artillery officers and NCOs who entered or left the barracks installation. Another unit referred to as athletic platoon was quartered in the same barracks installation. After a short period of basic training, the personnel of this platoon received training as athletic instructors and, wearing the colors of the Army Athletic Association, participated in athletic contests. they were summoned to report to a recruiting office in the same barracks installation to receive their service record books.
2. A Hungarian infantry unit with green service color was stationed in the Pavillon Barracks at the eastern perimeter of Debrecen. Except for some brick buildings, the installation consisted of temporary barracks.
3. The former Cavalry Barracks in the western sector of Debrecen, just southeast of the Debrecen Vasarter railroad station, was used as a cooperative warehouse, although the installation was not damaged in World War II.
4. In the summer of 1951, the former Artillery Barracks on Szabadsag Street at the northeastern perimeter of Debrecen was being rehabilitated. Front and rear of the installation were fenced by mesh wire and the two sides by concrete walls. It was said that the installation would be completed in October 1951.
5. The barracks installation on Hollo Janos Street, former Karoly Ference Street, which was heavily damaged by bombing in World War II, was also rehabilitated in the summer of 1951.
6. Prior to early July 1951, no Soviet Army units were stationed in Debrecen. The last Soviet soldiers were at the airfield south of the town. At the

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25X1 intersection of Margit Street and Hollo Janos Street, where Soviet officers were seen until June 1951. [redacted] 15 to 20 officers were billeted in that villa. \*

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[redacted] 7. On 17 October 1951, an army unit [redacted] in Hodmezoevasarhely (Y 7/T 39) announced the desertion of a sergeant.

25X1 8. On 24 and 30 September respectively, the escape of two convicts from a building site on Toerteli Street, Cegled (Q 48/O 08), was announced. \*\*

25X1 \* [redacted] Comment. Soviet air force units were previously reported stationed at Debrecen.

25X1 \*\* [redacted] Comment. The information confirms a report of July 1951 from Cegled which mentioned a major military building site on the road to Toertel.

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